GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION COST OF ROADS
NAWAL KISHORE RAI;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had estimated the cost of construction of roads before entrusting the work of road construction to the private sector in the country;

(b) if so, whether the cost of road construction is likely to vary from place to place in view of diversity of the places and circumstances besides huge size of the country;

(c) if so, the number of groups constituted for preparation of broad estimates of road construction; and

(d) the cost of road construction determined for each group alongwith the names of the institutions which have prepared the estimates?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (B.C.KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c)&(d) Government are offering some road projects to the private sector on Build, Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis and Annuity Payments basis. For these projects, the cost estimates are prepared by the private sector parties, who incur the expenditure on construction. However, estimates are also prepared by NHAI through consultants for verification of the bids given by the private sector entrepreneurs. These estimates are project specific and may vary from project to project based on location, facilities being provided etc.